

**CHAPTER NO. 728**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2715**

**By Representatives Pruitt, West, Bone, Garrett, Briley, Sherry Jones, Robinson, Arriola, Odom, Langster**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2820**

**By Senator Harper**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, relative to the protection of works of art.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. No process of attachment, execution, sequestration, replevin, distress, subpoena or any kind of seizure, whether civil or criminal, shall be served or levied upon any work of art, as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-25-1002, while the same is enroute to or from, or while on exhibition or deposited by an exhibitor at any exhibition held under the auspices or supervision of any museum, visual arts center, college, university or other nonprofit art gallery, institution or organization within any city or county of this state for any cultural, educational, charitable or other purpose not conducted for profit to the exhibitor, nor shall such work of art be subject to attachment, seizure, levy or sale, for any cause whatever while in the hands of the authorities of such exhibition or otherwise.

Nothing in this act shall prevent a lawsuit being brought against an owner of a work of art in any court having proper jurisdiction over such owner.


SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 4, 2000**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR